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**"AN ACT CONCERNING NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING
EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION."**

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Section 1. Subsections (h) and (i) of section 10-145b of the general
3 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
4 (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

5 (h) (1) Unless otherwise provided in regulations adopted under
6 section 10-145d, in not less than three years or more than eight years
7 after the issuance of a provisional educator certificate pursuant to
8 subsection (e) of this section and upon the statement of the
9 superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, in whose school
10 district such certificate holder was employed, or the supervisory agent

11 of a nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Education, in
12 whose school such certificate holder was employed, that the
13 provisional educator certificate holder and such superintendent, or
14 such superintendent's designee, or supervisory agent have mutually
15 determined or approved an individual program pursuant to
16 subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of this section and upon the statement
17 of such superintendent, or such superintendent's designee, or
18 supervisory agent that such certificate holder has a record of
19 competency in the discharge of such certificate holder's duties during
20 such provisional period, the state board upon receipt of a proper
21 application shall issue such certificate holder a professional educator
22 certificate. A signed recommendation from the superintendent of
23 schools, or the superintendent's designee, for the local or regional
24 board of education or from the supervisory agent of a nonpublic
25 school approved by the State Board of Education shall be evidence of
26 competency. Such recommendation shall state that the person who
27 holds or has held a provisional educator certificate has successfully
28 completed at least three school years of satisfactory teaching for one or
29 more local or regional boards of education or such nonpublic schools.
30 Each applicant for a certificate pursuant to this subsection shall
31 provide to the Department of Education, in such manner and form as
32 prescribed by the commissioner, evidence that the applicant has
33 successfully completed coursework pursuant to subsection (g) of this
34 section, as appropriate. [Notwithstanding the provisions of this
35 subsection, on and after July 1, 2012, experience teaching in a
36 nonpublic school shall not be accepted for purposes of issuing a
37 professional educator certificate, but may be accepted to renew the
38 provisional educator certificate.]

39 (2) Upon receipt of a proper application, the State Board of
40 Education shall issue to a teacher from another state, territory or
41 possession of the United States or the District of Columbia or the
42 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico who (A) is nationally board certified by
43 an organization deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of
44 Education to issue such certifications, and (B) has taught in another

45 state, territory or possession of the United States or the District of
46 Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a minimum of
47 three years in the preceding ten years (i) a provisional educator
48 certificate with the appropriate endorsement, or (ii) if such teacher has,
49 prior to July 1, 2016, completed thirty credit hours of undergraduate or
50 graduate coursework beyond the baccalaureate degree, and on and
51 after July 1, 2016, completed thirty credit hours of graduate
52 coursework, a professional educator certificate with the appropriate
53 endorsement, subject to the provisions of subsection (j) of this section
54 relating to denial of applications for certification.

55 (i) (1) For certified employees of local and regional boards of
56 education or nonpublic schools, except as provided in this subdivision,
57 each professional educator certificate shall be valid for five years and
58 continued every five years thereafter upon the successful completion
59 of professional development activities which shall consist of not less
60 than ninety hours of continuing education, as determined by the
61 employing local or regional board of education or the employing
62 supervisory agent of a nonpublic school approved by the State Board
63 of Education in accordance with this section, or documented
64 completion of a national board certification assessment in the
65 appropriate endorsement area, during each successive five-year
66 period. (A) Such continuing education completed by certified
67 employees with an early childhood nursery through grade three or an
68 elementary endorsement who hold a position requiring such an
69 endorsement shall include at least fifteen hours of training in the
70 teaching of reading and reading readiness and assessment of reading
71 performance, including methods of teaching language skills necessary
72 for reading, reading comprehension skills, phonics and the structure of
73 the English language during each five-year period. (B) Such continuing
74 education requirement completed by certified employees with
75 elementary, middle grades or secondary academic endorsements who
76 hold a position requiring such an endorsement shall include at least
77 fifteen hours of training in the use of computers in the classroom
78 during each five-year period unless such employees are able to

79 demonstrate technology competency, in a manner determined by their
80 local or regional board of education, based on state-wide standards for
81 teacher competency in the use of technology for instructional purposes
82 adopted pursuant to section 4d-85. (C) Such continuing education
83 completed by (i) the superintendent of schools, and (ii) employees
84 employed in positions requiring an intermediate administrator or
85 supervisory certificate, or the equivalent thereof, and whose
86 administrative or supervisory duties equal at least fifty per cent of
87 their assigned time, shall include at least fifteen hours of training in the
88 evaluation of teachers pursuant to section 10-151b during each five-
89 year period. (D) In the case of certified employees with a bilingual
90 education endorsement who hold positions requiring such an
91 endorsement (i) in an elementary school and who do not hold an
92 endorsement in elementary education, such continuing education
93 taken on or after July 1, 1999, shall only count toward the ninety-hour
94 requirement if it is in language arts, reading and mathematics, and (ii)
95 in a middle or secondary school and who do not hold an endorsement
96 in the subject area they teach, such continuing education taken on or
97 after July 1, 1999, shall only count toward the ninety-hour requirement
98 if it is in such subject area or areas. On and after July 1, 2011, such
99 continuing education shall be as determined by the local or regional
100 board of education in full consideration of the provisions of this
101 section and the priorities and needs related to student outcomes as
102 determined by the State Board of Education. During each five-year
103 period in which a professional educator certificate is valid, a holder of
104 such certificate who has not completed the ninety hours of continuing
105 education required pursuant to this subdivision, and who has not been
106 employed while holding such certificate by a local or regional board of
107 education for all or part of the five-year period, shall, upon
108 application, be reissued such certificate for five years minus any period
109 of time such holder was employed while holding such certificate by a
110 local or regional board of education, provided there shall be only one
111 such reissuance during each five-year period in which such certificate
112 is valid. A certified employee of a local or regional board of education
113 who is a member of the General Assembly and who has not completed

114 the ninety hours of continuing education required pursuant to this
115 subdivision for continuation of a certificate, upon application, shall be
116 reissued a professional educator certificate for a period of time equal to
117 six months for each year the employee served in the General Assembly
118 during the previous five years. Continuing education hours completed
119 during the previous five years shall be applied toward such ninety-
120 hour requirement which shall be completed during the reissuance
121 period in order for such employee to be eligible to have a certificate
122 continued. The cost of the professional development activities required
123 under this subsection for certified employees of local or regional
124 boards of education shall be shared by the state and local or regional
125 boards of education, except for those activities identified by the State
126 Board of Education as the responsibility of the certificate holder. Each
127 local and regional board of education shall make available, annually, at
128 no cost to its certified employees not fewer than eighteen hours of
129 professional development activities for continuing education credit.
130 Such activities may be made available by a board of education directly,
131 through a regional educational service center or cooperative
132 arrangement with another board of education or through
133 arrangements with any continuing education provider approved by
134 the State Board of Education. Local and regional boards of education
135 shall grant continuing education credit for professional development
136 activities which the certified employees of the board of education are
137 required to attend, professional development activities offered in
138 accordance with the plan developed pursuant to subsection (b) of
139 section 10-220a, or professional development activities which the
140 board may approve for any individual certified employee. Each board
141 of education shall determine the specific professional development
142 activities to be made available with the advice and assistance of the
143 teachers employed by such board, including representatives of the
144 exclusive bargaining unit for such teachers pursuant to section 10-
145 153b, and on and after July 1, 2011, in full consideration of priorities
146 and needs related to student outcomes as determined by the State
147 Board of Education. The time and location for the provision of such
148 activities shall be in accordance with either an agreement between the

149 board of education and the exclusive bargaining unit pursuant to said
150 section 10-153b or, in the absence of such agreement or to the extent
151 such agreement does not provide for the time and location of all such
152 activities, in accordance with a determination by the board of
153 education.

154 (2) Each local and regional board of education or supervisory agent
155 of a nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Education shall
156 attest to the state Department of Education, in such form and at such
157 time as the commissioner shall prescribe, that professional
158 development activities for which continuing education credit is
159 granted by the board: (A) Are planned in response to identified needs,
160 (B) are provided by qualified instructional personnel, as appropriate,
161 (C) have the requirements for participation in the activity shared with
162 participants before the commencement of the activity, (D) are
163 evaluated in terms of its effectiveness and its contribution to the
164 attainment of school or district-wide goals, and (E) are documented in
165 accordance with procedures established by the State Board of
166 Education. At the end of each five-year period each professional
167 educator shall attest to the state Department of Education, in such
168 form and at such time as the commissioner shall prescribe, that the
169 professional educator has successfully completed ninety hours of
170 continuing education.

171 (3) In the event that the state Department of Education notifies the
172 local or regional board of education that the provisions of subdivision
173 (2) of this subsection have not been met and that specific corrective
174 action is necessary, the local or regional board of education shall take
175 such corrective action immediately. The department shall not
176 invalidate continuing education credit awarded prior to such notice."

177 In line 128, after "program" insert "and provided further that
178 enrollment in such program shall first be made available to public
179 school teachers"